There were serious allegations of financial and other misdeeds, insinuations of a conspiracy involving certain insurgent groups of a foreign country and allegations of attempts to stonewall the CBI investigations which the Government had ordered. Such matters only only have implications on our national security but also on our relations with friendly neighbouring countries. It is against this background that evaluation of inputs received through such intelligence reports at the Government level and consultation with other agencies concerned was considered appropriate in order to avoid any adverse fall out. Accordingly, an advice was issued on 27 July 1998 to the Service Hqrs that any precipitate action on the basis of such intelligence reports should be taken only with the prior permission of the Government. Subsequently, after proper appraisal of the situation at the Government level, further instructions were issued to the Service HQrs on 8th August 1998 authorising them to intercept or seize the vessel, about which reports were received, if the same was found to have entered the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone. It will be pertinent to mention that the operation in February 1998 was also carried out with the approval of the Government at appropriate level.

Illegal fishing by Pakistani trawlers

163. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani trawlers are still fishing illegally in Indian territorial wa ters, off the Gujarat coast;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years;

(c) the action taken against such Pakistani trawlers; and

(d) the details of steps taken to check such illegal fishing along the coastal areas?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Pakistani trawlers illegally fishing in our territorial waters continue to be apprehended.

(b) The details are as under:

Year	Number of cases
1996	8
1997	6
1998	7

(c) The apprehended trawlers have been handed over to the police for appropriate legal action under the MZI Act and the Rules thereunder. From time to time the apprehended Pakistani vessels along with the crew are exchanged for the Indian fishing boats and crew apprehended by Pakistan Maritime Safety Agency.

(d) All Indian Naval and Coast Guard ships have been provided with lists of trawlers authorised to fish in our waters. Any suspicious trawlers encountered by our ships on passage are checked for authorisation. Regular patrolling is being under taken by Naval and Coast Guard ships/aircraft all along the coast to check illegal fishing. The Coast Guard conducts regular sea-air coordinated surveillance in the areas where illegal fishing takes place.

रक्षा-कर्मियों का कोर्ट-मार्शल

164. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत** : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षो के दौरान कितने रक्षा-कर्मियों का कोर्ट-मार्शल किया गया तथा उन से कितनों को दंडित किया गया,

(ख) ऐसे कुल कितने मामले विभिन्न न्यायालयों में लंबित हैं जिनमें रखा कर्मियों ने सेवा संबंधी मामलों में रक्षा प्राशासन के निर्णयों के विरूद्ध कार्रवाई की, और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान, उनमें से कितने मामलों में न्यायालय ने रक्षा कर्मियों के पक्ष में निर्णय दिए ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज) : (क) से (ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सैन्य अदालतों द्वारा तीनों सेनाओं के जिन कार्मियों पर मुकदमा चलाया गया था और जिन्हें सजा दी गई थी उनके वर्षवार ब्यौरे इस प्रकार हैं:-

वर्ष	मुकदमा चलाया गया	दोष सिद्ध हुआ
1996	1371	1324
1997	1479	1395
1998	1365	1319

8. रक्षा कार्मिकों द्वारा दायर किए गए सेवा से संबंधित 1924 मामले (वर्ष 1996-1998 तक) विभिन्न न्यायालयों में लंबित हैं।

9. पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सेवा से संबंधित 192 मामलों में रक्षा कार्मिकों के पक्ष में निर्णय हुए।

Coast Guard Patroliing In Gujarat

165. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of the Gujarat Government to hand over patrolling responsibility to Coast Guards is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government has requested that the patrolling of shallow waters should be done by the Coast Guard.

(b) and (c) The Coast Guard is responsible for patrolling the entire coastal area in Exclusive Economic Zone of India including the area off the Gujarat coast. However, the shallow and inland waters cannot be patrolled by the Coast Guard ships as they are not meant for patrolling such areas. However, the Governments of coastal states including Gujarat have jurisdiction in the territorial and inland waters of the respective states. So far, the State Government of Gujarat has been patrolling shallow water stretcn in a scheme of joint patrolling in force. Since the existing vessels of the Coast Guard are not disigned for shallow water patrolling, the State Government of Gujarat will have to continue its patrolling as at present.

रक्षा-कर्मियों की विधवाओं के लिए कल्याण उपाय

166. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत** : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय सेना के कितने जवान और अधिकारी शहीद हुए,

(ख) सरकार ने उनकी विधवाओं और परिवार के सदस्यों के लिए कितनी धनराशि व्यय की, और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उनके कल्याण के लिए नई योजनाएं बनाई हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज) : (क) से (ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान मारे गए सेना कार्मिकों की संख्या इस प्रकार हैं:-

वर्ष	अफसर	जूनियर कमीशन प्राप्त अफसर	अन्य रैंक
1996	26	22	277
1997	36	26	306
1998	26	28	395
जोड़	88	76	942

सशस्त्र सेनाओं के मारे गए कार्मिकों की विधवाओं तथा परिवार के सदस्यों के कल्याण के लिए कोई विशिष्ट आबंटन नहीं किया गया हैं। युद्ध, जैसे संक्रियाओं, विद्रोहरोधी संक्रियाओ, सशस्त्र शत्रुओं के साथ मुठभेड़ों/घटनाओं आदि में मारे गए सशस्त्र सेनाओं के कार्मिके की विधवाएं और परिवार के सदस्य निम्नलिखित लाभों के लिए हकदार हैं :-

(1) दिवंगत कार्मिक द्वारा अंतिम आहरित वेतन के बराबर उदारीकृत विशेष परिवार पेंशन।

(2) मृत्यु तथा सेवानिवृत्ति उपदान जो दो माह के वेतन से लेकर अधिकतम 3.5 लाख रुपए तक भिन्न होता हैं।